

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 11-14 are pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 9 have been amended. Claims 2, 7-8 and 10 are canceled. No new claims have been added.

Claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over **Kawamura et al.** in view of **Kuba et al.** (both previously applied) and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,249,316 to Anderson (hereafter, "**Anderson**").

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As noted in the Preliminary Amendment filed May 1, 2006, **Kawamura et al.** discloses an image processing system, indexing pictures reduced and stored in single frame recording regions showing frames photographed in a single frame photography mode (FIG. 7B; col. 8, lines 43-64), and indexing pictures reduced and stored in single frame recording regions showing frames photographed in a continuous photography mode (FIG. 7C; col. 8, lines 43-64).

Kuba describes an electronic imaging apparatus having hierarchical image data storage structure for computer-compatible image data management, and also describes an electronic still camera with LCD 12. An interval reproduction is shown (FIGS. 25(A) and (B); col. 22, lines 5-14).

While all images are displayed in the continuously picked-up image reproduction mode in **Kawamura et al.**, only one image for every continuous image pickup is representatively displayed in the present application.

Anderson has been cited for teaching a four-way navigation control unit (406) having at least three direction designating sections for moving a state of display in at least three directions (up, down, right and left) including a first direction (i.e., up direction), a second direction (i.e., down direction) opposite to the first direction and a third direction (i.e., right or left direction) different from the first and second directions indicating a selected image to a desired reduced image (highlighted image) among a plurality of reduced images displayed by the display unit.

Page 12, lines 23 to page 13, line 6 of the specification of the instant application discloses:

It is possible to move the selection mark M to each reduced image by operating direction designating button 13. When selection mark M is moved outside the display area (for example, right side of reduced image P9), only one row of reduced images are left, and two rows of reduced images are newly displayed. When the selection mark M is positioned on a desired reduced image and set button 12 is pressed, the reduced image is displayed in full size on the full LCD 10.

At this time, in the circuit of FIG. 2, reduced image data of nine images are read continuously from flash memory 46, and written to SDRAM 26 through buffer 45, JPEG circuit 44 and buffer 43. Memory control circuit 27 reads image data of nine images written to SDRAM 26 so that nine reduced images P1 to P9 form a still image of one image plane. Thus nine reduced images P1 to P9 are displayed on LCD 10. When one of the nine reduced images P1 to P9 displayed on LCD 10 is selected, the normal still image corresponding to the reduced image is read from the flash memory 46, and the still image is displayed on the full screen of LCD 10.

This passage appears to disclose that the first and second selecting units select a single desired reduced image to be displayed on the full screen of LCD 10. In Anderson, only one of several reduced images is selected, but not for the purpose of being displayed as a single image, as in the present invention. Anderson instead discloses marking and grouping displayed images

to collectively perform processing (such as "delete"), but it does not disclose selecting a single image to be displayed, as in the present invention.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to recite this distinction.

Thus, the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 11-14, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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